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## Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

### Zoning Rules and Cattle Movement Certificates

**1. Q. Why has MDA established zones?**

- A. The MDA director develops, implements, and enforces scientifically based restrictions and requirements that apply to animals within zones to prevent the spread of disease.

**2. Q. What are the different TB zones in Michigan?**

- A. Michigan has three bovine TB zones:

- The bovine Tuberculosis (TB) Free Zone is Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
- The Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ) is the area known to have TB in cattle and deer. The MAZ includes the entirety of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties, and those portions of Iosco and Ogemaw counties that are north of the southernmost boundaries of the Huron National Forest and the Au Sable State Forest.
- The Modified Accredited Advanced Zone (MAAZ) includes all remaining counties of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.
- Please see the attached map for zone designations and boundaries.

**3. Q. Why is MDA requiring a movement certificate for cattle?**

- A. Movement across boundaries is considered a risk for spreading bovine TB. In order to obtain TB-free status for the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone (MAAZ), or even maintain the State's current split-state-status, the USDA is requiring movement certificates for cattle. It is the authority of USDA to grant zone status.

**4. Q. When will I need a movement certificate for my cattle?**

- A. When moving cattle across a TB zone boundary for a specific reason such as:
- Slaughter
  - Selling at a livestock auction
  - Selling direct to another livestock producer
  - For exhibition

**5. Q. How do I obtain a movement certificate?**

- A. You may go online to the Farm Animal Identification and Records (FAIR) database – [www.nationalfair.com](http://www.nationalfair.com) or you may call MDA during regular business hours, M-F from 7:30 am-5:00 pm at (866) 870-5136 or (517) 373-1077.

**6. Q. What information is required for a movement certificate?**

- A. Please have the following information available when you call to obtain a movement certificate:

1. A complete address of the location the animals are leaving.
2. A complete address of where the animals are going.
3. Contact phone numbers for both the seller and the buyer.
4. A name and location of slaughter establishment if cattle are for slaughter only.
5. A national premises ID for both the origination and destination address (see next question to obtain a premises ID).
6. The date the animals will be moving.
7. Radio Frequency ID tag number for each animal being moved.
8. The age, breed and sex of each animal being moved.
9. The date of the last whole herd or individual animal TB test.
10. The test chart number and name of the veterinarian who performed the test. A copy of the test must be on file or faxed to MDA's Lansing office before the certificate may be issued. This information is only necessary if the animal age, destination and purpose of movement requires a 60-day TB test to have been performed. (Please see TB requirements below).

**7. Q. How do I obtain a premises ID?**

- A. Call MDA during regular business hours, M-F from 7:30 am-5:00 pm at (866) 870-5136 or (517) 373-1077. You will be assisted in locating or establishing the number at that time.

**8. Q. What are the TB test requirements for cattle moving from the MAAZ zone into another zone?**

- A. All sexually intact cattle six months of age or older must receive a negative TB test within 60 days prior to movement to any other zone unless they meet one of the following criteria:
- They are moved directly to slaughter or through one saleyard directly to slaughter.
  - They are sexually intact heifers that are moved directly to an MDA registered terminal operation or USDA approved feedlot.
  - They originate directly from a USDA TB accredited free herd.

NOTE: No TB testing is required if cattle are moved and remain within the MAAZ zone.

**9. Q. Are there any movement requirement changes for the Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ)?**

- A. Yes. Producers will need a movement certificate before leaving the MAZ.

10. Q. **If I am located in the MAAZ and selling to the Gaylord livestock auction do I need a certificate?**
- A. Yes. You must obtain a movement certificate prior to leaving the farm of origin because you are crossing a zonal boundary.
11. Q. **Will I need to stop at the Mackinac Bridge check point?**
- A. Yes. All cattle and bison transported north across the Bridge and livestock transportation equipment (vehicles) must stop for inspection.
12. Q. **What documentation do I need to go north across the Bridge?**
- A. Haulers need to provide a movement certificate for inspection.
13. Q. **Do producers in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) need a movement certificate to go anywhere in Michigan?**
- A. No. But owners of any newly assembled cattle herd must have documentation that the animals have been in the U.P. for more than 120 days before they move out of the TB-Free zone.
14. Q. **Does a Michigan movement certificate replace a health certificate to move out of state?**
- A. No. To move cattle to another state you must contact the state veterinarian in that State and ask for their entry health requirements. Your private veterinarian will fill out and sign the health certificate.

# Michigan Bovine Tuberculosis Split-State Status

## Legend



Bovine TB Free



Modified Accredited\*



Modified Accredited Advanced

\*The Modified Accredited Area includes those portions of Iosco and Ogemaw Counties that are north of the southern-most boundary of the Huron National Forest and the Au Sable State Forest

